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Friday, April 24, 2020

SNOHOMISH COUNTY PROVIDES UPDATE ON COVID-19 RESPONSE

This morning, Snohomish County leaders provided an update on the COVID-19 response. Link to view the press conference is at right.

A JOINT MESSAGE FROM SNOHOMISH COUNTY MAYORS

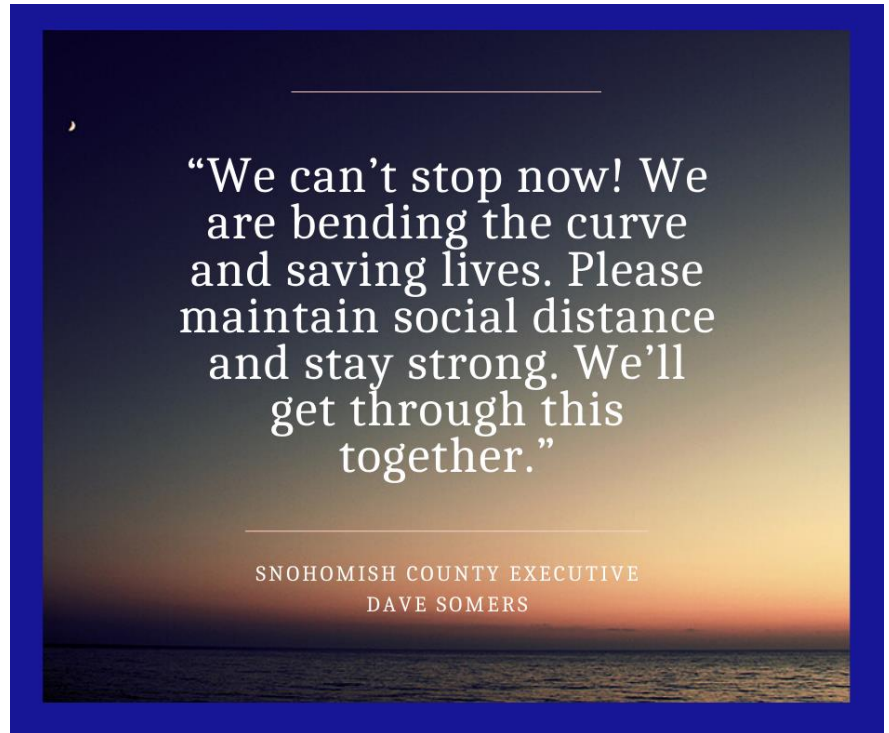
The mayors of Snohomish County issued a joint message this morning encouraging residents to stay the course on the "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order that is working. Read the full message at right.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING

Snohomish County Provides Update on COVID-19 Response

County Executive Dave Somers, Health Officer Dr. Chris Spitters, and Kim Williams, Chair, Future Workforce Alliance; CEO, Providence Health & Services Northwest, held a virtual press conference this morning to address the county's response to COVID-19.

The video is available for viewing at <https://www.snohd.org/495/COVID-19-General-Information>.

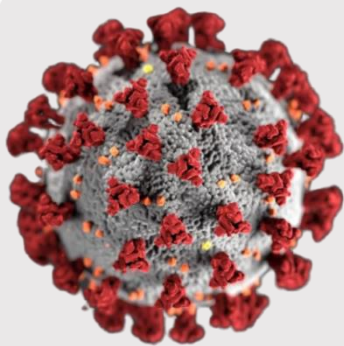


A Joint Message from Snohomish County Mayors

It's now been over a month since our communities closed down following the statewide orders to stay home, stay healthy, changing life as we knew it. Governor Inslee's and our community's early and decisive action, while difficult, has protected the lives of countless Washington residents.

As your mayors of Snohomish County, we want to acknowledge what a tremendous burden this has been on all of our residents, and the great sacrifices we're all having to make. Those sacrifices, however, and our collective adherence to public health guidelines, are achieving the intended result. Our efforts are working. Though new cases of COVID-19 continue to emerge each day, there are hopeful signs that the rate of transmission is slowing down. Our county is, in fact, leading the state in flattening the curve. We're proud of our communities for taking this public health threat seriously and doing their part to keep us all safe. Thank you.

Each day that passes, though, is another day that some of us are without work, our kids are out of school, our businesses are pushed to the brink of survival, or in many cases forced to close. All of us are wondering how much longer? When will it be safe again? There is a strong desire, that we as mayors agree with, to better understand the governor's plan for a path



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SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT GUIDANCE ON RETURN TO WORK FOR ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEES

Snohomish Health District is not recommending two negative test results before essential employees can return to work. Details and a graphic to share are at right.

forward to return to work, recreate, shop and worship again in our communities. There is a strong need for a logical, fair and equitable return to a "new normal" when we can safely do so. As mayors, we owe it to our community to be able to communicate to them a transparent and realistic plan that will provide them a roadmap to survive economically in the wake of this pandemic. The governor's direction is essential to our ability to do this and today we are offering him our direct assistance in this effort.

We'd like to assure you that we're working hard to get ready for the next phase of response in this pandemic, which is economic recovery and bringing vitality back to our communities. We're working in coordination with the Snohomish County executive and councilmembers, the Snohomish Health District and key regional partners to develop a plan for dialing our economy back up as soon as it is safe to do so. Our plan will be tailored to meet the different needs and characteristics of our cities, but aligned in principle and process. It calls for a sector-based, gradual and phased approach – with testing, tracing, monitoring and evaluating – to ensure we don't inadvertently cause a resurgence of COVID-19 in our communities. The last thing we want is to re-open too much, too soon, and undo the great progress we've achieved in fighting this disease together.

We're also advocating at the state and federal level for economic relief for our local businesses and nonprofit partners.

We don't yet know the timeline for when the governor will ease the Stay Home, Stay Healthy order, but when he does, we in Snohomish County will be ready.

In the meantime, we urge your patience and continued cooperation in staying home and physically distancing when you need to go out. We've come so far in slowing the rate of infection and reducing the tragic loss of life. Let's see this through to the finish line and become the first region in the country to effectively and lastingly shrink the threat of this deadly virus.

Signed by Mayors:

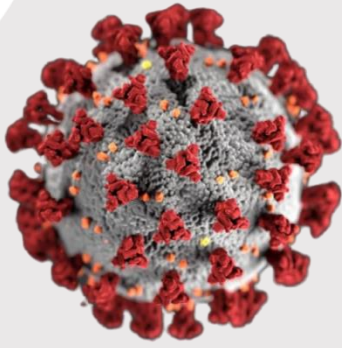
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Dan Rankin, City of Darrington
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Brett Gailey, City of Lake Stevens
Nicola Smith, City of Lynnwood
Jon Nehring, City of Marysville
Geoffrey Thomas, City of Monroe
Kyoko Matsumoto Wright, City of Mountlake Terrace
Jennifer Gregerson, City of Mukilteo
John Kartak, City of Snohomish
Leonard Kelley, City of Stanwood
Russell Witta, City of Sultan
Carla Nichols, City of Woodway

Snohomish Health District Guidance on Return to Work for Essential Employees

Snohomish Health District has heard from a number of essential workers that their employers are requiring two negative COVID-19 test results before they return to work. The Health District does not recommend this.

Early on, there was guidance that two negative results were needed before someone ill with COVID-19 could leave isolation. Our understanding of the virus has improved since then. Measures to prevent its spread have changed and continue to change as we look toward long-term response and recovery. We recommend that employers base return to work on a





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MARYSVILLE GRANT APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR DISEASE RESPONSE

The City of Marysville is accepting grant applications for funding for eligible public service activities that prepare, prevent, and respond to the spread of infectious disease such as COVID-19. Details at right.

TAKE EVERETT TRANSIT ONLY FOR ESSENTIALS

Everett Transit is encouraging all users of the system to use it only for essential errands and not a way to just get out of the house.

timeline of 72 hours after fever is gone and other symptoms improve or 7 days after onset of symptoms, whichever is longer.

Workplaces should take other illness prevention measures, as well, including distancing employees at least six feet from others whenever possible, ensuring good hand hygiene, cleaning and sanitizing high-touch surfaces frequently, and requiring employees who are currently ill or who become ill at work to go home.

Question

Does an employee who was ill with COVID-19 need two negative tests to return to work?

Answer

Employers should base their return-to-work requirements on time, not test results.

An employee may return to work 72 hours after their fever is gone and/or other symptoms have improved, or 7 days after the start of symptoms, **whichever is longer**.

Testing supplies are limited and results take time to process. Requiring two negative results strains resources and delays the return of essential workers.

In the coming months, as more businesses and employees return to in-person work, maintaining these guidelines for when to come back after illness is crucial.



Marysville Grant Applications Open for Disease Response

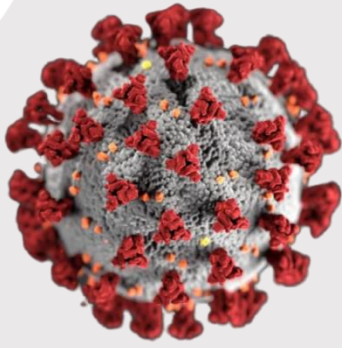
The City of Marysville is accepting grant applications for funding to support response to infectious disease including COVID-19. The City will award nearly \$33,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to eligible public service activities that prepare, prevent and respond to the spread of infectious disease.

Application deadline is 4 p.m. Thursday, May 7. Funds will be available in late August. Find more information and the application online at <https://www.marysvillewa.gov/434/Community-Development-Block-Grants>.

Take Everett Transit Only for Essentials

Everett Transit is here to help you reach those essential services. To maintain physical distancing and minimize crowding on buses, we ask for your help in limiting use of Everett Transit for essential errands. Limit your Everett Transit rides to essential trips only such as going to the grocery store for essential food and supplies, work at an essential business or to your medical appointments. If you need to stretch your legs, go for a walk in your neighborhood, cover your face and keep your distance from others.





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GOV. INSLEE ANNOUNCES PLAN TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY UNDERWAY TO BE COMPLETED

Gov. Jay Inslee, in consultation with the state's construction industry, announced a plan today to allow current construction projects to be completed. Construction on current projects can begin as soon as the order is signed. Details of the announcement and links at right.

GOV. INSLEE EXTENDS 20 PROCLAMATIONS

Gov. Jay Inslee announced the extension of 20 proclamations today in response to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Link to the full list is at right.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR WORKING WASHINGTON SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS

An additional \$5 million was allocated to the Working Washington Small Business Emergency Grant program. The state does not plan to reopen the application process for the grant program, but will be able to fund more requests for the funds. More details at right.

Gov. Inslee Announces Plan to Allow Construction Projects Previously Underway to be Completed

Gov. Jay Inslee, in consultation with the state's construction industry, announced a plan today to allow current construction projects to be completed.

The recommendations were informed by workers, contractors, health and safety experts, and local government officials, for safe construction standards.

"I thank all those involved in the construction work group in helping us get to this decision in a responsible way that supports workers, businesses, and communities in a way that protects the health of all of their families and ours," Inslee said. "Our strategy is working and we need to keep with it. We would much rather protect people from sickness and death now, so that we don't have to go through this crisis all over again later."

Read the full plan on [the governor's Medium page](#).

The governor, state Department of Commerce and stakeholder groups will continue to develop plans for other industries.

Restart Low-Risk Construction

To resume work, existing projects must meet safety measures:

- Safety Plan to maintain physical distancing, adequate PPE, a COVID-19 site supervisor, etc.
- Comprehensive COVID-19 exposure, control and mitigation plan
- Post written notice of the work to be performed at the job site for employees, subcontractors and government officials
- Keep a safe and healthy worksite

Office of Governor Jay Inslee



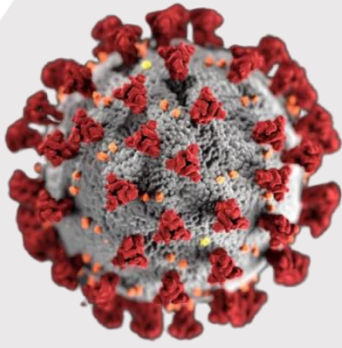
Gov. Inslee Extends 20 Proclamations

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Additional Funding for Working Washington Small Business Grants

The Washington State Department of Commerce this week [announced an additional \\$5 million available to small Washington businesses](#) impacted by COVID-19 through the [Working Washington Small Business emergency grant program](#), doubling the original amount available. The Working Washington Small Business grants offer up to \$10,000 to businesses with up to 10 employees to pay for rent, utility bills, supplies, inventory and other operating expenses.

The state does not plan to reopen the program to new applications at this time, but will be able to fund more requests with the additional funds announced. Depending on the individual grant amounts, at least 1,000 businesses should receive funding.



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WASHINGTON BASED COMPANY LIMEADE EXTENDS WELL-BEING SOLUTION TO HELP CARE FOR APPLE HEALTH CLIENTS FREE OF CHARGE

The state's Health Care Authority expanded free access to Limeade's online wellness tools to more than 200,000 Apple Health clients through 2020. More details at right.

SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR THE CARES ACT SIGNED INTO LAW

The President signed \$484 billion into law earlier today to supplement the CARES Act. Details of the funding package are at right.

FDA ISSUES WARNINGS ON CHLOROQUINE AND HYDROCHLOROQUINE AFTER 'SERIOUS POISONING AND DEATH' REPORTED

The FDA issued a Drug Safety Communication on the use of Chloroquine and Hydrochloroquine as a treatment or prevention of COVID-19. Please see details at right.

RED CROSS SEEKS PLASMA DONATIONS FROM RECOVERED COVID-19 PATIENTS

In coordination with the FDA, the Red Cross is seeking people who are fully recovered from the coronavirus to sign up to donate plasma to help current COVID-19 patients. More details at right.

Washington-Based Company Limeade Extends Well-Being Solution to Help Care for Apple Health (Medicaid) Clients Free of Charge

In an effort to support the emotional and physical well-being of Washingtonians during the COVID-19 pandemic, the state's Health Care Authority has worked with [Limeade](#), an employee experience software company, to expand free access to its online wellness tools to more than 200,000 Apple Health (Medicaid) clients through 2020.

This is the first time the Limeade Well-Being solution has been made available to Apple Health clients. More than 1.8 million Washington residents are enrolled in Apple Health; HCA and Limeade selected the clients who would be eligible for this free service based on geography and if they have an active email address on file. Eligible individuals are Apple Health clients ages 19 to 64 and pregnant women in King, Snohomish, Pierce and Spokane counties.

Supplemental Funding for the CARES Act Signed into Law

The President signed \$484 billion into law earlier today to supplement the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

The legislation includes:

- \$321 billion in new funds for the Paycheck Protection Program, which provides small business loans that can be forgiven if used for wages, benefits, rent, and utilities. This includes \$60 billion to be set aside for small lenders.
- \$60 billion for Small Business Administration disaster assistance loans and grants.
- \$75 billion in grants to hospitals.
- \$25 billion to bolster coronavirus testing.

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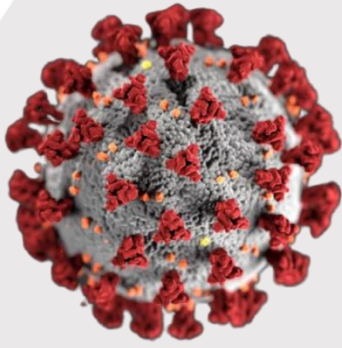
The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a [Drug Safety Communication](#) regarding known side effects of hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine, including serious and potentially life-threatening heart rhythm problems, that have been reported with their use for the treatment or prevention of COVID-19, for which they are not approved by the FDA.

For more information please read the FDA's [news release](#) and [Drug Safety Communication](#).

Red Cross Seeks Plasma Donations from Recovered COVID- 19 Patients

In coordination with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Red Cross is seeking people who are fully recovered from the new coronavirus to [sign up to donate plasma](#) to help current COVID-19 patients.

People who have fully recovered from COVID-19 have antibodies in their plasma that can attack the virus. This convalescent plasma is being evaluated as treatment for patients with serious or immediately life-threatening COVID-19 infections, or those judged by a healthcare provider to be at high risk of progression to severe or life-threatening disease. You may qualify to donate plasma for coronavirus patients if you meet specific convalescent plasma and regular blood donation eligibility requirements:



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CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Please note: The statistics are also available on the [Snohomish Health District website](#).

ESSENTIAL LINKS AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

- [Snohomish Health District](#)
- [Snohomish County](#)
- [Snohomish County COVID-19 Response & Community Resource Hub](#)
- [Washington State](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- Snohomish County COVID-19 Phone Line: **425-388-3944**
- Washington State COVID-19 Hotline: Call **1-800-525-0127** or text **211-211** for help. For information to be texted to you, text **Coronavirus** to **211-211**.

- You are at least 17 years old and weigh 110 lbs. Additional weight requirements apply for donors age 18 or younger.
- In good health. You generally feel well, even if you're being treated for a chronic condition. [View blood donation FAQ's](#).
- Have a prior, verified diagnosis of COVID-19, but are now symptom free and fully recovered from COVID-19.

If you're fully recovered from a new coronavirus infection and meet the above criteria, please fill out the [Donor Eligibility Form](#). A Red Cross representative will follow up with prospective candidates to confirm eligibility.

For more information please visit the American Red Cross' [webpage](#) and FDA's [webpage](#).

Confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of April 24, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 1:54 p.m.
Confirmed	2,268
Probable	199
Deceased	103

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 1:54 p.m.
Arlington	94
Bothell*	160
Brier	17
Darrington	<5
Edmonds	256
Everett	689
Gold Bar	<5
Granite Falls	22
Index	0
Lake Stevens	99
Lynnwood	464
Marysville	182
Mill Creek	42
Monroe	60
Mountlake Terrace	83
Mukilteo	52
Snohomish	120
Stanwood	81
Sultan	5
Tulalip	8
Unknown/Other	9
Woodinville*	12
Woodway	7

Numbers less than 5 are suppressed to protect medical privacy. Not all cases are within city limits and totals may include nearby unincorporated Snohomish County. Unknown includes cases still under investigation.

*Counts are for portions in Snohomish County only.